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PUC INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES IMPOSED ON VARIOUS LIMOUSINES, SHUTTLES, AND BUS COMPANIES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25, 2007 – During the first quarter of 2007, the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) took the following enforcement actions against limousines, shuttles, and bus companies for violations of the Public Utilities Code, and PUC rules and regulations including General Order 157-D.

Administrative Citation

Seven companies were cited and fined (totaling \$20,250) for violations ranging from:

1. Operated with no valid authority (suspension, revocation, expiration, or unlicensed)
2. Operated without PLPD insurance on file and in effect
3. Failed to enroll drivers in DMV Pull Notice program
4. Failed to enroll drivers in a mandatory Drug and Alcohol program
5. Engaged employees without procuring evidence of workers' compensation insurance
6. Failed to comply with airport rules and regulations.

Companies cited are:

1. Executive Coach Inc. dba Executive Coach, Temple City (TCP 10493)
2. Fanbin Meng dba Horse Run Tours, Duluth, Georgia. (TCP 19906)
3. Farid Khairy dba Bay Side Limo, Pittsburg (TCP 18369)
4. Francisco Gonzalez dba Green River Tours, Los Angeles (TCP 20654)
5. Linda Bosche dba Style N Comfort, Santa Rosa (TCP 6066A)
6. Niles LLC, San Mateo (TCP – 14244)
7. Peterson Chen, San Francisco (TCP – None)

Phone Disconnection

PUC staff obtained a court order and disconnected the telephone service of an unlicensed Fresno limousine company. The court found that the two specified numbers were used by Francisco de la Cruz, Fresno Limousine Inc. dba 724 Limousine (TCP-16558- revoked) in violation of the law, as De

la Cruz was advertising in the Fresno Valley Yellow pages offering limousine services without a valid permit issued by the PUC.

Criminal Filing

In a joint sting operation with local enforcement agencies, PUC staff nabbed two unlicensed passenger carriers providing sightseeing tours in the Hollywood area without a permit from the Commission. PUC staff submitted its report to the Los Angeles City Attorney's requesting a criminal complaint be filed against these two unlicensed companies.

1. **Michael P. Kellerman dba Hollywood Fantasy Tours, Hollywood (TCP-21120-Denied):** In Case No. 6CA00254, Kellerman was charged with operations and advertising without a charter-party permit, engaging employees without procuring evidence of Workers' Compensation insurance, and failing to enroll his employee-drivers in the DMV Employer Pull Notice program. Kellerman pled guilty to one count each of operating and advertising without a valid PUC permit. Kellerman was sentenced to 36 months summary probation, and ordered to pay \$2,000 for PUC investigative cost, obtain a PUC permit, pay PUC regulatory (PUCTRA) fee for the past 3 years, and pay a \$330 fine.
2. **Asatur Kosoyan dba Hollywoodland Tours, Hollywood (TCP-15419-Active):** In Case No. 6CA00272, Kosoyan was charged with operating and advertising without a permit and engaging employees without procuring evidence of Workers' Compensation insurance. Kosoyan pled "no contest" to operating without a permit. Kosoyan was sentenced to 12 months summary probation, and ordered to pay \$250 for PUC investigative cost, obtain a PUC permit, pay PUC regulatory (PUCTRA) fee for the past 3 years, and pay \$359 in court fee and penalty. Kosoyan now has an active permit.

Official Notice

Seven companies were issued Official Notice for advertising or operating prior to issuance of a permit or failing to update equipment. All companies now have an active permit. Companies cited are:

1. A and D Transportation LP, Santa Fe Springs (TCP-16743)
2. Bruce Mignella DbA Beachfront Limo Service, Arroyo Grande (TCP 13265)
3. Don Inouye dba Valley Trolley LLC, Murrieta (TCP- 21393)
4. H & C Tours Inc., Los Angeles (TCP 15537)
5. Manik Babakhanyan DbA Century Limousine Svc, Encino (TCP 18671)
6. Odir Morales dba Express Entertainment, Los Angeles (TCP 12221)
7. Tarik Masri dba Above and Beyond Transportation and Limousine Service, Foster City (TCP 12454)

Cease and Desist Notice

Thirty cease and desist notices were issued to the passenger carriers for operating and advertising without a valid permit. These companies are:

1. Anthony O. Catao dba Elite Excursions, Santa Rosa (TCP 18401)
2. Ascot Limousine, San Diego (TCP 14933)
3. Colin Sloan dba A Day In Nature, SF (TCP-None)
4. Conquest Limousine, Northridge (TCP-None)
5. Cox Transportation, Hawthorne (TCP –None)
6. Dong Ling Group USA Inc DbA Top Line Charter, Alhambra (TCP 13549-Revoked)
7. Flausino G. Barbosa dba Fly Limo Service, SF (TCP 19804)
8. Francisco Alvarez, Apple Valley (TCP 14132)
9. Francisco Gonzalez dba Green River Tours, Huntington Park (TCP 20654)
10. Guang Sean Xiao Wu, Eldorado Hills, (TCP–None)
11. Henrietta Johnson DbA Monarch Transportation (TCP-None)
12. Heritage Valley Bus, Inc., Ventura (TCP-None)
13. Herminia Sierra dba A Instyle Limousine Service, Reedley (TCP-None)
14. Hye Class Limousine, Simi Valley (TCP-None)
15. Irving Stroller dba At Your Service Airport, Thousand Palms (PSC 10886)
16. James Hall dba Travel Fox Charter, Los Angeles (TCP 15420-Revoked)
17. James Kim dba PTC, Los Angeles (TCP 11855)
18. James Williams dba Limos America Sedan & Limousine Service, Sebastopol (TCP 21300)
19. Jerry Tenenbaum dba Arrow Town Car & Limo Svc, Los Angeles (TCP 16463)
20. Jung Koh and Choon Park dba Modern Limo Svc, Torrance (TCP 19399)
21. Katryn Tehrani dba Ark Limo Service, Tarzana (TCP 18013)
22. Mien Lam, Westminster
23. Pamela Pisotchi dba Image LCT, Santa Rosa (TCP-13691-Revoked)
24. Platinum Express, Santa Ana
25. R and D Bus, Inc dba Cal Coast Bus, Santa Paula (TCP18710-revoked)
26. San Diego Charter, Inc., San Diego (TCP 18347)
27. Sergio Romero dba J & J Express, Los Angeles/Temecula (TCP-16988)
28. Sylvia June, Hemet (TCP-None)
29. Triple J Tours, Inc., Las Vegas, (TCP-None)
30. Yu Chen King dba West Coast Express, Temple City (TCP 15546)

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